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Mr. Chuck Fox, Assistant Administrator Office of Water U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street SW (4101) Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Fox:

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation supports the concept of a Comprehensive Action Plan to address nitrate loading in the Mississippi River. The Action Plan, as outlined in the state of Louisiana's June 13 letter, could provide the foundation to help reduce hypoxic problems in Louisiana's coastal waters.

With best personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Carlton Dufrechou Executive Director

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